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Dear Mr. Alfano,

Mr. Lewthwaite forwarded your letter and article to me.

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- Jim* 4/8/92

In common with most people you know nothing at all about the JFK assassination although your sincerity in the beliefs you express is clear enough. I'll return to this briefly because I do not have much time. You also misread the article. It did not quote me as saying there was no conspiracy. I am not sympathetic to conspiracy theorizing. My work is restricted entirely to fact. The fact alone proves without question that there had been a conspiracy. The simplest means of understanding this is that the best shots in the world were unable to duplicate the shooting attributed to the dufer, Oswald.

Your article makes no reference to the time permitted for firing the three shots of the official story and it also ignores the fact that the rifle was not designed for the use of a scope and thus had to be removed from the eye for the bolt to be operated else the eye be put out. The required picking the target up in the scope fresh for each shot. All within 5.6 seconds.

You refer to the loose or sloppy bolt tolerance for "speedy action." In most of the tests of which I know the bolts hung.

You conjecture about how the scope got onto the rifle. Oswald did not mount it. He bought it mounted. But you also say nothing, MRA members that you are, about sighting it in. You just can't stick a scope on a rifle and find it is automatically accurate. Besides which the scope on that rifle did not work right.

None of the many yarns in the official mythology has Oswald bench resting the rifle and in fact in all of them that is impossible. Nor was it possible for him to have softened the rest and not interfered with the rifle's natural vibrations by using loose books.

He did not buy the ammo with the rifle and none came with it.

Not even the wildest theory has any shot hitting the President's head and exiting below the Adams apple. It did not happen and could not have happened.

The "arcane" was readily available for years, all over the country. It also was known as "Mussolini's contribution to humanitarian warfare." When I decided that I should have one for lectures I was then giving I bought one in Pasadena, CA in 1967, along with the Japanese scope on that one. The rifle could have been bought in Dallas for even less than the \$10 by-mail price. Until the JFK assassination made it famous.

Sorry my typing can't be any better.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg

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